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MEMORANDUM FOR: ☐ ☒  
Litigation Division, OGC

VIA: ☐ ☒ Chief, Compliance and Litigation,  
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FROM: ☐ ☒  
Acting Chief, External Inquiries Branch, IMS

SUBJECT: Harry Mannil

REFERENCE: OGC-96-50016 dated 02 January 1996

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1. A search of Directorate of Operations information surfaced the following information concerning Subject listed in reference. This information is for the use of the Office of General Counsel and should not be disseminated outside this Agency, or incorporated in any document which is so disseminated, without specific approval and release from the appropriate components of the Directorate of Operations. (S)

2. According to information dated August 1945 from a foreign government service, Subject was listed as a Nazi Estonian in Sweden. He was a member of the German-run Estonian Political Police in 1942. Together with a friend, he exercised surveillance over well-known Estonian nationals in Estonia, more specifically in Tallinn. Later he was sent to Finland where he continued his observations. (S)

3. According to information dated November 1945 from a reliable source, Subject applied to the American Legation, Stockholm, on 15 August 1945 for an immigration visa to enter the United States. In 1942 Subject was employed in the Price Control office of the Estonian Government - this was during the German occupation. By Subject's own admission, he joined a self-protection group in Estonia in September 1941 and he later volunteered for service with the Estonian Secret Police and worked for them as a file clerk until November 1941. From

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November 1941 to April 1942 he claimed to have been employed as a procurement officer for a "self-protection group" in Estonia. Subject listed as one of his references Professor E. Poom, who was reliably reported to have been an Estonian collaborator and the central figure of a group working with the Germans.

NOTE: A field report dated March 1945 described Subject as a German agent and as a member of the Fascist Estonian Wizona Corporation, who had continued his "obscure activities" in Finland before fleeing to Sweden. This report also indicated that Subject was forbidden by the Swedish police from residing in Stockholm. (S)

4. According to information dated July 1972, Subject was aka as Harry Mannil Laul. His brother was Ralf Mannil Laul. (S)

5. According to information dated September 1972, Subject's brother Rolf Mannil aka Ralf Mannil was a Soviet Scientist. According to information (DOI: 1978-1982) from a reliable GRU defector source (DS-2237), almost all scientists from the Soviet Union who were permitted to travel outside the Soviet Bloc cooperated in varying degrees with the KGB or GRU. After August 1991, it was still the policy of the Russian Intelligence Service to coopt and /or debrief a portion of the scientists who travel abroad. (S)

6. According to information dated December 1983, Subject was issued a POA for continued contact, assessment, development and, if favorable, possible recruitment in Venezuela as an access agent to the Soviet target in Caracas, Venezuela. (S)

7. According to information dated March 1994, Subject was recruited in April 1984 as a witting collaborator who was to effect direct COS contact with the Soviet Ambassador with whom he was friends. As a wealthy businessman, Subject did not receive a salary. He was motivated by a willingness to cooperate with the COS. There were no formal commitments in this relationship. (S)

8. According to information dated April 1986, Subject had failed as an access agent. (S)

9. According to information dated May 1985, Subject had no further contact with [ ] Therefore, [ ] did not request OA processing. (S)

10. According to information dated August 1985, Subject was administratively terminated in July 1985. (S)

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Based On: TX-546 of 24.7.45 dated 04 August 1945  
TX-160 of 21 September 1945  
SJOS-14717 dated 14 July 1972  
AX File Number 105-RC dated 25 October 1972  
POA dated 05 December 1983  
CARA-76368 dated 03 April 1986  
CARA-70099 dated 22 May 1985  
CARA-71999 dated 28 August 1985  
DIR-541257 dated 11 March 1994

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